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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Procedure to Obtain a CIA Position on Questions of
Dissemination of National Intelligence Before the
IAC

PROBLEM

1. To obtain the position of CIA on all questions of dissemination of national intelligence before the IAC in advance of publication of an IAC document.

DISCUSSION

Present Procedure

2. Under NSCIB-1 the concurrences of the other IAC agencies are required before the DCI may disseminate national intelligence. The opinion of the IAC community, other than CIA, is obtained and a document issued setting forth that opinion as the approval or disapproval of the IAC. When OGD receives an IAC approval notice on a question of dissemination of national intelligence for which it serves as agent, it requests through the DCI the approval or disapproval of the DCI.

Fallacies of This System

3. All dissemination of national intelligence is not effected through OGD and therefore the CIA position taken by the DCI is not obtained in such cases prior to the dissemination. (For example, the national intelligence produced by the Watch Committee.)

4. In cases where the IAC, excepting CIA, concurs in the dissemination and an IAC document is issued indicating IAC approval, the document stating approval is incorrect if the DCI subsequently should disapprove the dissemination.

5. When non-concurrences are received from IAC agencies other than CIA, the DCI at present does not have the opportunity to take a position on the question, i.e., to differ with the other agencies' non-concurrence. However, should the question be brought to his attention in some way or other after the disapproval notice has been issued and he also disapproves, then the IAC document of disapproval is incomplete as it would not have included the disapproval of DCI.

CONCLUSIONS

6. There is need for a CIA position on a question of dissemination

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of national intelligence in advance of the issuance of an IAC document indicating that body's approval or disapproval of the question.

7. The DCI should have full information including the position of other IAC agencies and a recommendation from his own agency on a question of dissemination of national intelligence before the IAC in order to render his decision.

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. Following receipt of the concurrences or non-concurrences of other IAC agencies on a question of dissemination of national intelligence the OIC, as the IAC secretariat, will consult with the CIA office primarily responsible for the national intelligence to develop a recommendation for a CIA position on dissemination of that intelligence. OIC should then consult with OCB, which will obtain the position of the DD/I acting for the DCI. Following these actions the IAC document will be issued indicating dissemination approval or disapproval.

9. If this proposal is approved, request this Office be notified by endorsement. Attached is a memorandum from OCB to DD/I outlining the status of two RIE's, proposed for dissemination, requesting the CIA position thereon.

This memorandum has the concurrence of OCB.

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